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# ARTICLE I.

## SWIMMER ELIGIBILITY

### Section 1.01 USA Swimming Training/Competition

- (a) Except as noted in Section 1.01(c) and Section 1.01(e) below, swimmers who have competed as members of a USA Swimming team and/or trained with a USA Swimming team after JANUARY 1 of the year are not eligible to participate as members of an OMPA team during such year.
- (b) Swimmers may compete UNATTACHED in USA Swimming Meets at any time and still retain their eligibility to participate as members of an OMPA team.
- (c) Swimmers may participate in a maximum of 15 hours of clinics or lessons during the period from JANUARY 1 until the beginning of the swimmer's recreation swim team summer program.
- (d) For purposes of a uniform interpretation of Section 1.01(c) above, beginning with the 1998 season OMPA clubs cannot begin organized team workouts prior to MAY 1; this date will be considered the beginning of the recreation swim team summer program for all OMPA teams.
- (e) Members of interscholastic swimming teams may continue to train and swim with a USA Swimming team until FEBRUARY 15 or their high school teams begin practices, whichever is earlier, for the year in which they desire to participate as members of an OMPA team.
- (f) In addition to compliance with subparagraphs (a) – (e) inclusive of Section 1 where applicable, a college swimmer shall have participated in at least two OMPA Championship Meets as a swimmer.

### Section 1.02 OMPA Team Membership

- (a) Swimmers must be bonafide members of the OMPA member swim club or team which they represent. "Bonafide" is defined as being a member of and having participated with such team during the course of the current summer season. "Bonafide" membership requires that the swimmer comply with the particular eligibility

requirements of his or her member team, including the payment of all required fees.

- (b) "Bonafide," with reference to participation in the OMPA Championship Meet during such year, is further defined as having participated in any two swim meets, excluding time trials and intra-squad meets, for such team during the course of the current summer season.
- (c) Children of pool executives and pool managers that are given pool memberships by OMPA member clubs shall be considered as members of such OMPA clubs. An assistant coach of an OMPA member team shall be eligible to participate as a member of such team if such member team grants a club/team membership to such assistant coach. A lifeguard employed by an OMPA member club/team shall not be eligible to participate as a member of such employer's swim team unless, under the terms for regular club membership, such lifeguard's family is a member in good standing of such employer club/team.

#### Section 1.03 OMPA Age Groups

- (a) OMPA Dual Meet and Championship Meet competition shall be conducted in the following age groups:
  - (i) 6 & Under
  - (ii) 7 and 8
  - (iii) 9 and 10
  - (iv) 11 and 12
  - (v) 13 and 14
  - (vi) 15 through 18
- (b) A swimmer's eligibility to compete as a member of such age group shall be determined by the swimmer's age as of June 15 of the current summer season.

#### Section 1.04 Swimmer Transfer from Team to Team

- (a) A swimmer may transfer from one OMPA member team to another OMPA member team only if:
  - (i) The swimmer's family has been on a bonafide "waiting list" of the proposed transferee club prior to May 11 of the current summer swim season, AND

- (ii) The transfer of membership is fully completed prior to JULY 1 of the current swim season, AND
  - (iii) The swimmer satisfies, for the transferee swim team, the requirements of bonafide membership set forth in Section 1.02(a) and Section 1.02(b) above.
- (b) Approval of any such transfer occurring during the period following the first swim meet of the current summer season and JULY 1 of the current summer swim season must be mutually agreed upon by officially designated representatives of the OMPA member swim teams involved.
- (c) If approval between the two designated representatives is disputed, the OMPA Board of Directors, by majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present, will resolve the transfer.
- (d) This Section 1.04, establishing rules for transfer of a swimmer from one OMPA member team to another OMPA member team, does not mean that the Board of Directors in any way approves of or condones the proselytizing or recruitment of swimmers by OMPA member teams, whether from other OMPA teams or outside the league, and any such activity is to be strictly avoided on penalty of disqualification of the swimmer(s) at the OMPA Championship Meet. In determining whether sanctionable "recruiting" has occurred, the OMPA Board of Directors, after hearing the matter under Section 1.05 below, may take into consideration all relevant factors, including: the presence or not of preferential membership on a financial, accelerated admission, "scholarship," or other special category of club or team membership not generally available to other applicants or current members; the talent and age/experience of the swimmer(s); the rendering of financial or other assistance or any other unfair means of inducement which the Board determines was primarily devised to attract a competitive swimmer or swimmers and/or family(ies) to join an OMPA member club/team.

## Section 1.05 Procedure

- (a) Any issues raised as to eligibility under the rules of this Article I, whether through request or waiver or pre-clearance, or through complaint by another OMPA team or teams, may be brought, by petition to either the OMPA President or representative of a member club/team, before the OMPA Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting thereof. The coach, parents, and Swim team committee members of the affected swimmer(s) and team have the right to present evidence and argument, as does any complaining team. Deliberations will be in closed session, and a decision made promptly with respect to clearance and/or sanctions.

## ARTICLE II.

### DUAL MEET PROCEDURE

#### Section 2.01 Time of Dual Meets

- (a) Saturday meets shall begin at 9:00 A.M.
- (b) Weekday meets shall begin no later than 6:00 P .M.

#### Section 2.02 Warm-up Procedure

- (a) Warm-up shall begin forty five (45) minutes prior to the start of the meet.
- (b) The home team shall warm-up first.
- (c) Each team shall be allowed at least fifteen (15) minutes of warm-up time.
- (d) Coaches of the team warming up shall be responsible for their swimmers' warm-up activity and the behavior of their swimmers in the pool and pool area. Specific attention shall be paid by the coaches to avoid swimmer damage to the pool or pool equipment, such as, for example, sitting on lane ropes.

#### Section 2.03 Order of Events

- (a) The order of events for dual meets shall be as follows:
  - (i) Medley Relay
  - (ii) Individual Medley
  - (iii) Freestyle
  - (iv) Breaststroke
  - (v) Backstroke
  - (vi) Butterfly
  - (vii) Freestyle Relay

- (b) The order of age groups for each event shall be from youngest to oldest.
- (c) Unless otherwise agreed upon by the involved teams, dual meets shall be conducted as A+1 meets as described in Appendix "A".
- (d) In individual events, girls' events shall be run first.
- (e) Boys and girls heats, and age group heats, may be combined as needed to avoid having only one swimmer or relay team in a given heat, or to speed up the meet where six or less swimmers, or four or less relay teams, would result from the combination.

## Section 2.04 Age Group Participation

- (a) A swimmer may not move up an age group for purposes of participating in dual meet events. If, for any reason, Section 2.17(a) below is invoked and a swimmer is permitted to "swim up," that swimmer and/or that swimmer's relay team shall be deemed "complimentary" for purposes of that event.
- (b) A complimentary swimmer is defined as a swimmer who meets the following qualifications:
  - (i) Swims within their age-group designation (i.e. does not swim up an age-group)
  - (ii) Has been approved to swim as "complimentary" either by the meet director or the approval of both head coaches.
- (c) The complimentary swim will count towards the number of available swims allowed per the dual meet or invitational number.
- (d) A swimmer who qualifies as a "complimentary" swimmer will be allowed to swim under the following restrictions:
  - (i) The time recorded will not count towards the scoring of points.
  - (ii) The time will not be recorded in the OMPA data base.
  - (iii) The host club, at their discretion, can determine how to record the time for any related pool records which may be broken.
- (e) If the complimentary swimmer is swimming in an invitational swim meet, then at the sole discretion of the meet director the swimmer will be placed in the early heats where a lane becomes available.
- (f) Coaches should be encouraged to limit the use of the Complimentary Swimmer Designation for those situations where a

swimmer has either been mistakenly left out of a swim meet or is trying to get some experience in swimming a race and an open lane becomes available during a meet to do so. The "spirit" of a complimentary swim is to not provide a more competitive situation for those swimmers trying to either break records or make medal times by swimming up an age group.

- (g) For purposes of a dual or "A" meet, an "A" swimmer is any swimmer on the team who ranks in the top three for an individual stroke at a given time for that age group. A swimmer may fluctuate between "A" and "B" status depending on the number of signouts for a particular dual meet. The number of sign-outs will not penalize a "B" swimmer from further "B" competition just because they were moved up due to a lack of "A" swimmers.

## Section 2.05 Dual Meet Distances

- (a) For Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly Events:
  - (i) The 6 & Under and 7 and 8 age groups will swim 25 yards/meters.
  - (ii) All other age groups will swim 50 yards/meters.
  - (iii) The 15-18 age group may swim 100 yard/meter events with the unanimous consent of both head coaches and meet directors, although this practice is discouraged for Wednesday evening meets.
- (b) For Individual Medley Events:
  - (i) All allowable age groups will swim 100 yards/meters.
  - (ii) There is no Individual Medley event for the 6 & Under age group.
- (c) For Relay Events:
  - (i) The 6 & Under and 7 and 8 age groups will swim 25 yards/meters per individual, for a total of 100 yards/meters per relay.
  - (ii) All other age groups will swim 50 yards/meters per individual, for a total of 200 yards/meters per relay.

## Section 2.06 Relay Event Procedure

- (a) Each relay leg must be swum by a different swimmer.

- (b) Each team shall be allowed to enter one official relay team. Complimentary relay teams are allowed only if mutually agreed upon by the coaches.
- (c) The 6 and under age group may swim the Medley relay and the Freestyle relay events using two boys and two girls for each relay (to be called the "mixed relay"), unless otherwise agreed upon by both head coaches by 12:00 noon the day preceding the meet. No other age group shall use mixed groups of boys and girls for the relay events of such age group.

## Section 2.07 Maximum Events per Swimmer

- (a) Except for the 6 & Under age group, each individual swimmer is limited to a maximum of five (5) events, determined as follows:
  - (i) Any three events selected from the following five events: Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley; plus
  - (ii) Freestyle Relay and Medley Relay
- (b) Swimmers in the 6 & Under age group are limited to a maximum of four (4) events, determined as follows:
  - (i) Any two events selected from the following four events: Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly; plus
  - (ii) Freestyle Relay and Medley Relay
- (c) The maximum number of events per swimmer may be changed if the head coaches, in conjunction with their respective pool representatives, mutually agree on such a change one day prior to the meet.
- (d) Any swimmer found to be participating in more than the allocated number of events shall have all his/her times removed from the meet.

## Section 2.08 Lane Assignments

- (a) The home team shall be assigned to the EVEN numbered lanes of the pool.
- (b) The visiting team shall be assigned to the ODD numbered lanes of the pool.

- (c) If, for any reason, there is a defective lane (e.g., damaged starting block, broken lane rope, etc.), the home team shall occupy such defective lane.
- (d) Lane assignments for three-way meets shall be: home team lanes 2 and 5; visiting teams lanes 1 and 4, and lanes 3 and 6 respectively.

## Section 2.09 Scoring

- (a) Scoring for dual meets shall be as follows:
  - (i) For relays: 7 - 3
  - (ii) For all other events: 5 - 3 - 1
- (b) Scoring for three-way meets shall be as follows:
  - (i) For relays: 8 - 4 - 2
  - (ii) For all other events: 6 - 4 -3 -2 -1
- (c) In the event of a tie, total points shall be divided by the number of swimmers (e.g., a two-way tie for 2nd would result in 2 points for each swimmer and no points would be awarded for 3rd place; a two way tie for 3rd would result in ½ point for each swimmer).
- (d) For the purpose of 15 - 18 year old swimmers, only 50 yard/meter individual events and the 100 yard/meter individual medley event will be scored.

## Section 2.10 Awards and Meet Results

- (a) Ribbons and meet results shall be provided by the home team.
- (b) For 10-under all heats receive ribbons, for 11-14 first heat receives ribbons, 15-18 ribbons to be given in the discretion of the home team.

## Section 2.11 Stroke and Turn Judging

- (a) USA Swimming Rules shall apply in determining the correctness of the strokes executed by each participating swimmer in the meet.
- (b) Judgment shall be used for the 6 & Under and the 7 and 8 age groups using the following guidelines:
  - (i) An 8 and under swimmer must demonstrate the ability to swim the stroke. Prior to July 1st, a 6 and under swimmer shall be

disqualified only if he/she gains a clear advantage by swimming in violation of the rules and, in the judgment of the official, it affects the outcome of the event, i.e., places 1-3. Otherwise, warnings shall be issued for all violations during dual meets. All rules apply to 6 and under swimmers after July 1st.

- (c) As noted in Section 2.12 below, there should be at least two stroke and turn officials for every meet, both dual meets and "B" dual meets. However, it is highly desirable to have at least four officials for dual meets, with two officials working each end of the pool. Turn violations will more than likely be missed when officials work the side of the pool, whereas stroke violations can normally be detected from the end of the pool.

## Section 2.12 Officials

- (a) The home team shall supply the following officials for each dual meet:
  - (i) A starter
  - (ii) Nine (9) timers (each with a digital watch)
  - (iii) At least one (1) stroke and turn judge
  - (iv) Three (3) recorders (if used by the home team)
  - (v) Any required desk staff not provided by the visiting team.
  - (vi) One (1) meet director; see Section 2.05(a)(3) above and Sections 2.12(d) and 2.17 below for further discussion of meet director's responsibilities.
- (b) The visiting team shall supply the following officials for each dual meet:
  - (i) Nine (9) timers (each with a digital watch)
  - (ii) At least one (1) stroke and turn judge; the visiting team stroke and turn judge shall work with the home team starter for purposes of enforcing the false start rules. See Section 2.15 below for further discussion of false starts.
  - (iii) Three (3) recorders (if used by the home team)
  - (iv) At least one (1) person to work the desk.

- (v) One (1) meet director for purposes of agreeing to rule changes for the meet. See Section 2.05(a)(3) above and Section 2.17 below.
- (c) Each team shall make every attempt to have all officials at the meet at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meet.
- (d) The home team shall furnish a designated Meet Director who shall act as the final interpreter of these Rules and Regulations with respect to the conduct of the meet.
- (e) Lane assignments for timers and recorders shall be as follows:
  - (i) Timers shall be assigned such that the team swimming in a given lane provides one timer and the opposing team(s) the other two timers.
  - (ii) Recorders in each lane shall be from the team swimming in that lane.
- (f) The use or consumption of alcoholic beverages by officials during the meet is prohibited.

#### Section 2.13 Place Determination

- (a) Final places shall be determined by time.
- (b) Three (3) times shall be recorded per lane. The official time shall be the "middle" time. If only two watches obtain a time, then the average time shall be the official time.
- (c) Digital watches must be used and all times shall be recorded in hundredths of seconds.

#### Section 2.14 Exchange of Meet Line-Ups

- (a) The head coaches shall exchange meet line-ups by 12:00 noon of the day before the meet. No changes shall be permitted in such line-ups, once exchanged, except in the case of illness. Coaches and officials are advised that the preceding statement is not to condone drastic changes within an age group but to help accommodate the illness of a swimmer.

#### Section 2.15 False Start Procedure

- (a) The Starter for all OMPA meets shall follow the following procedure with respect to the commencement of all races:

- (i) Once the swimmers from the previous race have left the water, the Starter (for all events except Backstroke and the Medley Relay) shall direct the swimmers to step onto the starting block or platform and assume a position of the back portion of the starting block with both feet the same distance from the front of the block before the command "take your mark."
- (ii) The Starter shall then direct the swimmers to "take your mark", to which they must respond at once by assuming a starting position. Sufficient time should follow the direction to "take your mark" to enable swimmers to assume a starting position, but no swimmer shall be in motion immediately before the starting signal is given.
- (iii) When all swimmers are motionless in the starting position, the Starter shall give the starting signal.
- (iv) If, in his opinion, a false start has been committed, the Starter shall give the signal to recall the swimmers. With the concurrence of the visiting team stroke and turn judge, the false start shall be called on the individual(s). Any swimmer who commits or causes a false start shall be disqualified and shall be allowed to swim the event only in a complimentary capacity.

(b) Deliberate Delay or Misconduct

- (i) Any swimmer, after stepping on the block or upon taking a starting position, who delays the start by entering the water or who wilfully disobeys an order at the start, or for any other misconduct at the start, can be disqualified from the event by the Starter with the concurrence of the visiting team stroke and turn judge. Such disqualification shall not be a false start and the swimmer shall not be allowed to swim the event.

(c) False Starts

- (i) Any swimmer who unnecessarily delays in assuming and holding a completely motionless starting position after the command "take your mark" shall be charged with a false start.
- (ii) All swimmers leaving their marks before the starting signal is given shall be charged with a false start, except that the Starter may, at his discretion, absolve a swimmer who has false started because of the action or movement of another competitor of the responsibility for the false start and charge it only to the offender. (Note exception for "Deliberate Delay or Misconduct")

- (iii) When a swimmer false starts before the starting signal is given the Starter shall immediately release all other swimmers with the command "Stand up." Any swimmers so released may stand up or step off the block. Any swimmer who enters the water (or backstroker who leaves the starting area) shall be charged with a false start, except that the Starter may absolve a swimmer who otherwise would be charged with a false start if the Starter believes that it was caused by the swimmer's reaction to the command.
  - (iv) When the starting signal is given and one or more swimmers shall have obtained an unfair advantage, all swimmers shall be recalled at once by a second signal. The Starter shall then, with the concurrence of the visiting team stroke and judge, indicate the swimmer(s), if any, to be charged with a false start.
  - (v) In the Backstroke or Medley Relay the Starter may charge a false start to any swimmer who fails to maintain his/her feet and/or hands in a legal position after the first warning.
  - (vi) A swimmer shall not be disqualified for an illegal starting position at the start if the Starter has permitted the race to proceed without recall. Enforcement of the correct starting position is the responsibility of the Starter, who may, with the concurrence of the visiting team stroke and turn judge, impose the appropriate penalty for violation before the race.
  - (vii) A swimmer who fails to appear at the starting platform in time for the initial start shall be disqualified.
- (d) The Starter shall, in the enforcement of the Rules set forth in this Section 2.15, exercise leniency with respect to the competitors in the 6 & Under and 7 and 8 age groups.
  - (e) Coaches are not permitted in the area of the starting blocks except when the 8 and under age groups are swimming. Any coach who violates this rule may cause the disqualification of his/her swimmer or the swimmer's relay team.
  - (f) For the 8 and under age groups, one coach may be with each swimmer at the starting block.
    - (i) For relays, this is interpreted to mean one coach at each end of the pool for each relay team.
    - (ii) A coach at the starting blocks is not permitted to have physical contact with his/her swimmer once the starter has called the swimmers up and his/her swimmer is safely positioned on the

starting block. The starter should not proceed to call swimmers to their marks until there is compliance with this rule. After warning a coach, the starter may disqualify a swimmer or the swimmer's relay team for delay of the meet if the coach does not promptly comply.

- (iii) Physical contact with second, third or fourth leg swimmers on a relay team is not permitted after the approaching swimmer has passed under the flags. The call on this rule rests with the stroke and turn official and any violation may cause the disqualification of the relay team.

## Section 2.16 Dual Meet Protests

- (a) All protests concerning conduct of a dual meet must be submitted by the officially designated team pool representative to the OMPA Board of Directors IN WRITING within 48 HOURS following completion of the protested dual meet.
- (b) Upon review of the documentation the Board reserves the right by majority vote, to assess a point penalty for the OMPA Championship Meet on the offending member team.
- (c) A first time offender would be assessed a 100 point penalty. Second time offender 200 points and a third time offender 300 points.

## Section 2.17 Rule Deviations

- (a) Deviations from these rules may be made for individual meets with the unanimous consent of both OMPA representatives, both head coaches, and both meet directors.

## ARTICLE III.

### “B” MEETS

#### Section 3.01 Purpose and Eligibility

- (a) The purpose of the “B” dual meets shall be to promote a rewarding recreational swimming experience for an increased number of OMPA swimmers.
- (b) A “B” swimmer shall be defined to be a swimmer who does not have one of the top times at their club for a given event, does not have a gold time in any event in the current season and did not achieve gold time in the preceding season.
- (c) Relay teams for “B” meets shall be composed only of “B” swimmers.
- (d) Coaches may modify the definition of a “B” swimmer for a dual meet, as long as both clubs mutually agree to such modifications.
- (e) Complimentary swims by “A” swimmers are discouraged. If a coach deems complimentary swims necessary, the coach shall enter an “A” swimmer in a way that supports the purpose of “B” competition. In no case shall a complimentary “A” swimmer receive an award or displace the award of a “B” swimmer.

#### Section 3.02 “B” Dual Meet Procedure

- (a) All provisions of Article II shall be applicable for “B” dual meets, subject to the exceptions contained in this Article III.
- (b) Lane assignments follow the same rules as noted above for dual meets except that when one team has no more swimmers, all lanes shall be filled in order to reduce the number of heats. This rule notwithstanding, every effort should be made to avoid having only one swimmer in a heat.
- (c) Stroke and turn rules are the same as for a dual meet except as follows:
  - (i) A 6 and under swimmer should only be disqualified if it affects the outcome of the race, i.e., places 1-6, throughout the season. Warnings should be issued throughout the season for

the 6 and under age group consistent with the desires of the coaches. Stroke and turn judges should review this with the coaches prior to the start of the meet.

- (ii) A 7 and 8 age group swimmer shall be treated as described in, Section 2.11 (b)(1) - 6 & Under age group throughout the season.
- (iii) A 9 and 10 age group swimmer shall be treated as described in Section 2.11 (b)(2) -7 and 8 age group throughout the season.

**Section 3.03      Events**

- (a) "B" dual meets shall include IM, the four individual strokes and two relays.

**Section 3.04      Heats**

- (a) There shall be no maximum number of heats per event in each age group for boys and girls. The winner of each event shall be determined by time. All heats shall count.

**Section 3.05      Scoring**

- (a) "B" dual meets shall not be scored.

## ARTICLE IV.

### “A/B” MEETS

#### Section 4.01 Purpose and Eligibility

- (a) An “A/B” meet really consists of two meets and the rules for each as discussed above apply as appropriate.
- (b) Special attention must be given to the conduct of Wednesday evening “A/B” meets in an effort to complete all events before the onset of darkness in order to provide a safe swimming environment. Since some teams have awards based on the outcome of “individual” events, if it becomes necessary to cancel selected heats, those events canceled should be relays or individual events that do not count toward either teams' awards.
- (c) The first heat in each event shall be the “A” meet event and the second and remaining heats shall constitute the “B” meet.
  - (i) While it is recognized that this will impose an additional burden on the “desk”, it is important that separation between the meets be maintained so that deserving “B” swimmers are not denied the opportunity to receive recognition.
  - (ii) No swimmer other than those in the first heat shall be awarded points for the dual meet.
  - (iii) Swimmers in the first heat shall not be awarded recognition as a “B” swimmer.
  - (iv) “A” and “B” relays will be run in a combined heat in an effort to speed up the meet. If this is done, teams must be clearly identified as “A” or “B” to the recorders prior to the start of the heat.

#### Section 4.02 Events

- (a) During an “A/B” meet, swimmers may swim a total of three individual strokes, although some may be as an “A” swimmer and some as a “B” swimmer.

- (b) An "A" swimmer who forgoes one of his/her "A" events in order to swim one of his/her "B" events shall be considered "signed-out" for purposes of moving a "B" swimmer up.

## ARTICLE V.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

#### Section 5.01 Name

- (a) The OMPA Annual Championship Meet shall be known as the “Orinda/Moraga Swim Championship”.

#### Section 5.02 Eligibility of Swimmers

- (a) Eligibility of swimmers for the Championship Meet shall be determined in the same manner as set forth in Article I for dual meets; provided, however, that the swimmer must have participated in at least two (2) meets on behalf of the OMPA member team for which he/she desires to swim in the Championship Meet. For such purposes, intra-team time trials and intra-squad meets shall NOT count as a meet.

#### Section 5.03 Order of Events

- (a) First Day Events:
  - (i) Individual Medley
- (b) Second Day Events:
  - (i) Freestyle,
  - (ii) Backstroke,
  - (iii) Medley Relay,
- (c) Third Day Events
  - (i) Backstroke,
  - (ii) Butterfly,
  - (iii) Free Relay

- (d) Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly will have preliminaries and finals. Individual Medley and Relay events shall be timed final events.

Section 5.04      Age Groups

- (a) Age groups shall be the same as set forth in Article I.

Section 5.05      Distances

- (a) The distances shall be the same as for the dual meets, except that a 100 yard freestyle event shall be run for the 15 - 18 year old age group.

Section 5.06      Relay Events

- (a) Relay events shall be contested as timed finals.
- (b) Lane and (if necessary) heat assignments shall be determined on the basis of times submitted by the various coaches and printed in the Championship Meet Program for verification. Any erroneous times submitted by coaches in order to obtain preferential heat seeding or for any other reason shall result in immediate disqualification of such relay team. Challenges to submitted times for all relay events must be made at the coaches meeting 7:30 A.M. Saturday morning. To defend against such a challenge, the challenged coach must show a meet sheet from a league meet in which the submitted time was swum.
- (c) The 6 & Under age group shall swim the Medley Relay and the Freestyle Relay by using four (4) girls and four (4) boys for each such relay event.
- (d) Each member of a relay team shall be entered in at least one individual event in the Championship Meet.

Section 5.07      Maximum Events per Swimmer

- (a) The maximum number of events per swimmer for the Championship Meet shall be the same as for a dual meet (see Sections 2.07(a) and 2.07(b) above).

Section 5.08      Scoring

- (a) Team points shall be awarded as listed in 5.08(d) below for the first sixteen places in individual events, and for the first ten places in relay events.

- (b) In the individual events, swimmers in the consolation heat (the eight slowest qualifiers) may not finish higher than ninth place. If a swimmer in the second final (the eight fastest qualifiers) is disqualified or fails to swim, eighth place points will not be awarded.
- (c) The seventeenth and eighteenth fastest qualifiers shall be named as alternates. The alternate may only swim in the consolation heat, (the eight slowest qualifiers), if one of the finalists in that heat fails to check in with the Clerk of the Course as described in Section 5.12 below. The heat will not be reseeded and the alternate will swim in the lane assigned to the scratched swimmer.
- (d) Scoring

<b>Place</b>	<b>Individual Events</b>	<b>Relay Events</b>
<b>First</b>	17 points	34 points
<b>Second</b>	15 points	30 points
<b>Third</b>	14 points	28 points
<b>Fourth</b>	13 points	26 points
<b>Fifth</b>	12 points	24 points
<b>Sixth</b>	11 points	22 points
<b>Seventh</b>	10 points	20 points
<b>Eighth</b>	9 points	18 points
<b>Ninth</b>	8 points	16 points
<b>Tenth</b>	7 points	14 points
<b>Eleventh</b>	6 points	
<b>Twelfth</b>	5 points	
<b>Thirteenth</b>	4 points	
<b>Fourteenth</b>	3 points	
<b>Fifteenth</b>	2 points	
<b>Sixteenth</b>	1 point	

## Section 5.09 Awards

### (a) Medals, Ribbons and Trophies

- (i) Individual Events medals shall be awarded to first through eighth place finishers and rosette ribbons to ninth through sixteenth place finishers.
- (ii) Relay Events medals shall be awarded to first through tenth place finishers.
- (iii) Meet Record rosette ribbons shall be awarded in any individual event where a meet record is established, tied or broken at the end of the event finals.
- (iv) Each member of a record-breaking relay team shall receive a Meet Record rosette ribbon.
- (v) Heat winner ribbons will be given to each individual (all ages) who wins a preliminary heat.

### (b) Team Competition Trophies

- (i) First Place: Orinda Lions Perpetual Trophy
- (ii) Second Place: Orinda Chamber of Commerce Perpetual Trophy
- (iii) Third Place: Orinda Rotary Club Perpetual Trophy
- (iv) Most Improved Total Team Performance: Doc Webster Memorial Plaque (The team that scores the greatest overall point increase over the previous year's performance shall win this trophy. It cannot be one of the top three teams.)
- (v) Most Improved Team based on Individual Performances: Ellwood Douglas Memorial Award Recognition Plaque (The team that scores the greatest increase, excluding relays, over the previous year's performance shall win this trophy. It cannot be one of the top three teams, nor can the same team win both of the "Most Improved" awards.)
- (vi) If one team qualifies for both "most improved" awards it shall receive the Doc Webster Memorial Plaque and another team shall receive the Ellwood Douglas Memorial Award.
- (vii) Sportsmanship Award: Ronnie and Donnie Heidary Perpetual Trophy

"This award is granted to the team that demonstrates good

sportsmanship through the course of the season as determined by the OMPA representatives. During the week prior to the championship meet, each OMPA representative (from each member pool participating in the league during the respective summer) will vote for their first (3 points), second (2 points) and third (1 point) place choices (excluding their own pool) based on their perspective of demonstrations of good team sportsmanship throughout the season by such member pools, including but not limited to both invitational and dual meets. In accessing good sportsmanship, the representatives will evaluate the conduct of coaches, swimmers and parents against the conduct outlined in Article 6, Section 6.01 of the OMPA Rules and Regulations, the OMPA Mission Statement, and their own sense of the spirit of good sportsmanship.”

(c) Special Awards

(i) Age Group High Point

- 1) Trophies shall be presented by the OMPA for the outstanding individual performance in each age group. The winners shall be determined by the total number of points accumulated as the result of swimming individual events. In case of ties in an age group, trophies shall be awarded to all swimmers with the same highest point totals.

(ii) Meet High Point

- 1) Trophies shall be presented by the OMPA to the boy and girl achieving the highest point totals as a result of swimming the individual events. The criteria used for selection shall be: First, the swimmer with the highest total points scored in the individual events among the Age Group High point winners; Second (in case of a tie in the First criteria), the swimmer who broke the greatest number of records; Third (in case of a tie in the Second criteria, including no records being broken), the swimmer who broke a record(s) by the greatest percentage (based on aggregate swim time(s) in record breaking event(s) or if no records were broken the Meet High Point trophy shall be awarded to the swimmer achieving the highest point totals for the Championship Meet who comes in closest to breaking the record in that swimmer's individual events, determined based on the lowest aggregate percentage of proximity to a record for all those events. For example, if Swimmer A and Swimmer B have identical high point totals and neither breaks a record, Swimmer A falls short by 1%, 1% and 5%, respectively, in three individual events and Swimmer B falls short in three individual events by 2%, 2%

and 2%, respectively, the Meet High Point trophy would be awarded to Swimmer B (on the basis of Swimmer B's aggregate of 6% versus A's 7%).

(iii) Outstanding Performance by Relay Teams

- 1) Trophies shall be presented by the OMPA to the four members of the boys and girls relay teams with the best performance of the Championship Meet, which is defined as breaking a relay record by the greatest percentage time or if no records were broken, the trophies shall be awarded to those relay teams which come closest to breaking the record on a percentage basis.

Section 5.10 Stroke and Turn Judging

- (a) USA Swimming Rules shall apply and be enforced with respect to all age groups.

Section 5.11 Seeding

- (a) All events will be seeded slowest to fastest with the slowest heats swimming first, except for circle seeding which shall be used for preliminaries of Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly events, i.e., the top thirty swimmers are evenly distributed throughout the fastest three heats.
- (b) Individual Medley and the Relay events shall be seeded as timed finals, i.e., the ten fastest swimmers are in the last heat.

Section 5.12 Automatic Scratch Rule

- (a) Any swimmer who fails to report to the Clerk of the Course before the first swimmer in their heat has been led through the "gate" separating the Clerk of the Course area from the main pool will be automatically scratched from that event. No further penalty will be assessed to that swimmer and he/she may swim in any additional individual or relay events, preliminaries or finals.

Section 5.13 Alcoholic Beverages

- (a) The sale and use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all areas of the Championship Meet venue, including, but not limited to, the pool deck, locker rooms, spectator seating or standing areas, team field areas, and in all areas used by the swimmers.

## ARTICLE VI.

### COACHES CONDUCT

#### Section 6.01 Ethical Behavior by OMPA Coaches

- (a) As members of the coaching profession, coaches have inherent obligations and responsibilities to the profession, to the swimmers and to all those with whom they come in contact. Coaches are expected to be role models and to conduct themselves with integrity and high ethical standards at all times.
- (b) Conduct all swimming competition in accordance with the rules of the OMPA and the rules of USA Swimming.
- (c) Place the safety and welfare of others ahead of winning and prestige.
- (d) Treat all people with honesty, fairness, and respect. (In particular, such things as vulgar and profane language, taunting, intimidating of opponents, other coaches, parent volunteers, or an official is not acceptable from a coach, swimmer or parent of a team member.)
- (e) Teach and model for swimmers, other coaches and parents strict adherence to the Rules and Regulations of the OMPA and USA Swimming.
- (f) Recognize, accept and teach to their team, other coaches and parents that their public behavior projects an image of the program and the club they represent. Therefore, behavior should be appropriate and honorable at all times.

#### Section 6.02 Enforcement

- (a) The Meet Director may consider any coach who violates the standards set forth in Section 6.01, within the pool area, for appropriate action or penalty, including ejection from the pool deck.

## APPENDIX A

### DUAL MEET FORMAT

Format	A	A+1	A+2	A+3	A/B	B
<b>MR*</b>	2 heats	2 heats	2 heats	2 heats	2 heats	2 heats
<b>IM</b>	1 heat	1 heat	1 heat	1 heat	1 heat	1 heat
<b>Free</b>	1 heat	2 heats	3 heats	4 heats	unlimited	unlimited
<b>Breast</b>	1 heat	2 heats	3 heats	4 heats	unlimited	unlimited
<b>Back</b>	1 heat	2 heats	3 heats	4 heats	unlimited	unlimited
<b>Fly</b>	1 heat	2 heats	3 heats	4 heats	unlimited	unlimited
<b>FR*</b>	2 heats	2 heats	2 heats	2 heats	2 heats	2 heats

\* Coaches may agree to only run 1 heat if there are only 6 or less relays teams in any age group. 2 heats means 1 heat of girls and 1 heat of boys for a total of two heats.

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